

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Daryl Neff on September 1, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 44, lines 1-3 have been deleted and replaced with the following:

-44. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing a cell-like extruded food product comprising:

Co-extruding in an extrusion die food components in a z-direction-

Claim 44 should now appear as follows:

44. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a cell-like extruded food product comprising extruding [by co-extrusion] in an extrusion die [a cell-like extruded food product in which the] food components [are extruded] in a z-direction from the extrusion die, and in which at least one extrudable component A', which exhibits a general plastic rheology during extrusion is formed into a flow through a channel and an

extrudable component B' is formed into a flow through a channel, the flow of B' being x-wise adjacent to the flow of A', x being transverse to z, in which the flows of A' and B' exit from the channels through exits after which, the flows of A' and B' are regularly divided in a generally x-direction by a dividing member to form at least two rows of flows of A' and B' separated in the x-direction, in each of which row the flows of A' and B' segmented in the z direction and in which in each said row a segment of flow of B' is joined upstream and downstream to each segment of flow of A' whereby B' segments are interposed between adjacent A' segments in the z direction, each row having two generally continuous boundary cell walls of B' component in the z-direction, whereby each segment of A' is a cell surrounded on its z and x directed faces by B'.

In claim 77, line 1 "claim44" has been changed to -claim 44-.

In claim 77, line 2 "the or" has been deleted.

Claim 77 should now appear like this:

77. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 44 in which each dividing member reciprocates relative to the [or each] extruder exit.

In claim 99, lines 1-3 have been replaced with the following:

--99. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing a food product comprising:

Co-extruding a food product in sheet, ribbon or-

Also the spelling of "co-extruded" and "plastic" has been corrected in lines 6 and 5.

Claim 99 should now appear like this:

99. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing [by co-extrusion] a food product comprising:

Co-extruding [of] a food product in sheet, ribbon or filament form, which product consisting of at least two components A and B, segments of B being joined surface to surface with segments of A, each of which has generally plastic rheology in which flows of A' and B' are co-extruded from orifices for A' and B', respectively of an extrusion die and, after extrusion, B' is transformed to a solid material (including a viscoelastic solid) B, or, if B' is already viscoelastic, is transformed to a material B having a compressional yield point which is at least twice that of B', in which B' is transformed by coagulation or gel formation initiated by a coagulant or gelling reagent incorporated in A'

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carolyn A Paden whose telephone number is (571) 272-1403. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7 am to 3:30 pm.

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